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Selection Services Component For An Extensible Editor

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TECHNICAL FIELD

The systems and methods described herein relate to extensible editors and, more particularly, the described implementations relate to selection services in an extensible editor.

BACKGROUND

The process of editing electronic documents generally consists of processing events and key combinations received by an editor. From events and key combinations, an editing space is created. The editing space consists of a document state plus a view state (visual feedback). The view state includes a selection state (what is selected, what is shown as feedback), scroll position, etc. The event interacts with the current state, and an editing model is applied to manipulate feedback or to manipulate the document based on the feedback.

Extensible editors typically provide a set of document manipulation services that can enable macros to perform advanced tasks on the content of a document. With an extensible editor, developers can couple extensions that define or re-define a manner in which the editor responds to events or key combinations and provides visual feedback to a user. For example, if a developer wishes to create a new look to a selection process or a highlighting process in an extensible editor, the developer can create an extension that receives input regarding cursor position, cursor movement, mouse actions, etc. The developer can design the extension to use this input to create visual feedback that differs from a default selection service or highlight service of the editor. However, familiar behavior of the editor (such as clicking a "bold" button) is still retained by the editor. In

SUMMARY

An extensible editor for editing electronic documents and/or content is described herein. The extensible editor provides a selection services component that allows extensions to interface with a selection model of the editor and provide a custom selection process to the editor. The editor can thereby implement the custom selection process without knowing details of how the selection process is implemented in the extension. The extensible editor ("editor") includes three sets of interfaces for extension integration.

The first set of interfaces is part of a designer extensibility mechanism. The designer extensibility mechanism is used to couple an extension (also called a "designer") to utilize the event routing model. The designer extensibility mechanism provides the ability to connect an editor extension that can modify editing behavior. An attached designer receives events and key combinations in a predefined order and uses the set of interfaces to create custom editing extensions.

The designer extensibility mechanism includes an edit designer interface that has four methods: translate accelerator, pre-handle event, post-handle event and post-event notify. The methods act as callback routines whenever an event occurs in the editing environment of the editor. When an event comes into the editor, the four methods intercept the event at different points of the editor's event handling process. The editor invokes the methods sequentially. If multiple designers are utilized, the editor invokes the current method on each designer sequentially, in the order in which the designers were registered with the editor.

If a designer acts on an event and wants to prevent any subsequent designer (or the editor) from acting on the event, the designer "consumes" the event by

1 returning an appropriate signal to the editor. The designer returns a different
2 signal when subsequent processing is to continue on an event.

3 If an event is a key combination (Ctrl-A, Alt-P, etc.) it first passes through
4 the "translate accelerator" method. This is done in the order that the designers
5 were added to the editor. If a key combination is entered, then the designer acts
6 upon the event and "consumes" the event so that subsequent designers or the
7 default editor cannot subsequently act upon the event.

8 The post-editor event notify method is an exception to the rule that
9 consumed events are not passed on to subsequent designers or the editor for
10 further processing. This method is always called on all designers, regardless of
11 whether, or when, an event is consumed. This allows each designer to clean up
12 any internal states that may be anticipating an event that is consumed before
13 reaching the designer.

14 The second set of interfaces is included in a selection services component
15 of the editor. The selection services component provides designers with the ability
16 to manage logical selections that are used by commands and other extensions, *i.e.*,
17 the ability to modify the logical selection state of the editor. As a result, all editing
18 commands and services will be able to interact with a custom selection model
19 without having detailed knowledge of the designer that is implementing the
20 selection.

21 The third set of interfaces is included in a highlight rendering services
22 component. The highlight rendering component allows a user to modify the
23 rendered character attributes of text without modifying the document content.
24 This facility is critical for providing a mechanism for providing user feedback
25 without affecting persistence, undo, etc.

1 **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

2 A more complete understanding of exemplary methods and arrangements
3 of the present invention may be had by reference to the following detailed
4 description when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings wherein:

5 Fig. 1 is an exemplary computer system on which the present invention
6 may be implemented.

7 Fig. 2 is a block diagram of a computer having an extensible editor and
8 several extensions coupled with the editor stored in memory.

9 Fig. 3 is a block diagram of an editor including a designer interface.

10 Fig. 4 is a block diagram of an event routing model utilized in an extensible
11 editor.

12 Fig. 5 is a flow diagram of an event routing model for use in an extensible
13 editor.

14 Fig. 6 is a block diagram of an editor including a selection services
15 interface.

16 Fig. 7 is a block diagram of an editor including a highlighting services
17 interface.

1 **DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

2 The invention is illustrated in the drawings as being implemented in a
3 suitable computing environment. Although not required, the invention will be
4 described in the general context of computer-executable instructions, such as
5 program modules, to be executed by a computing device, such as a personal
6 computer or a hand-held computer or electronic device. Generally, program
7 modules include routines, programs, objects, components, data structures, etc. that
8 perform particular tasks or implement particular abstract data types. Moreover,
9 those skilled in the art will appreciate that the invention may be practiced with
10 other computer system configurations, including multi-processor systems,
11 microprocessor-based or programmable consumer electronics, network PCs,
12 minicomputers, mainframe computers, and the like. The invention may also be
13 practiced in distributed computing environments where tasks are performed by
14 remote processing devices that are linked through a communications network. In
15 a distributed computing environment, program modules may be located in both
16 local and remote memory storage devices.

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18 **Exemplary Computer Environment**

19 The various components and functionality described herein are
20 implemented with a number of individual computers. Fig. 1 shows components of
21 typical example of such a computer, referred by to reference numeral 100. The
22 components shown in Fig. 1 are only examples, and are not intended to suggest
23 any limitation as to the scope of the functionality of the invention; the invention is
24 not necessarily dependent on the features shown in Fig. 1.

1 Generally, various different general purpose or special purpose computing
2 system configurations can be used. Examples of well known computing systems,
3 environments, and/or configurations that may be suitable for use with the
4 invention include, but are not limited to, personal computers, server computers,
5 hand-held or laptop devices, multiprocessor systems, microprocessor-based
6 systems, set top boxes, programmable consumer electronics, network PCs,
7 minicomputers, mainframe computers, distributed computing environments that
8 include any of the above systems or devices, and the like.

9 The functionality of the computers is embodied in many cases by
10 computer-executable instructions, such as program modules, that are executed by
11 the computers. Generally, program modules include routines, programs, objects,
12 components, data structures, etc. that perform particular tasks or implement
13 particular abstract data types. Tasks might also be performed by remote
14 processing devices that are linked through a communications network. In a
15 distributed computing environment, program modules may be located in both local
16 and remote computer storage media.

17 The instructions and/or program modules are stored at different times in the
18 various computer-readable media that are either part of the computer or that can be
19 read by the computer. Programs are typically distributed, for example, on floppy
20 disks, CD-ROMs, DVD, or some form of communication media such as a
21 modulated signal. From there, they are installed or loaded into the secondary
22 memory of a computer. At execution, they are loaded at least partially into the
23 computer's primary electronic memory. The invention described herein includes
24 these and other various types of computer-readable media when such media
25 contain instructions programs, and/or modules for implementing the steps

described below in conjunction with a microprocessor or other data processors. The invention also includes the computer itself when programmed according to the methods and techniques described below.

For purposes of illustration, programs and other executable program components such as the operating system are illustrated herein as discrete blocks, although it is recognized that such programs and components reside at various times in different storage components of the computer, and are executed by the data processor(s) of the computer.

With reference to Fig. 1, the components of computer 100 may include, but are not limited to, a processing unit 120, a system memory 130, and a system bus 121 that couples various system components including the system memory to the processing unit 120. The system bus 121 may be any of several types of bus structures including a memory bus or memory controller, a peripheral bus, and a local bus using any of a variety of bus architectures. By way of example, and not limitation, such architectures include Industry Standard Architecture (ISA) bus, Micro Channel Architecture (MCA) bus, Enhanced ISA (EISAA) bus, Video Electronics Standards Association (VESA) local bus, and Peripheral Component Interconnect (PCI) bus also known as the Mezzanine bus.

Computer 100 typically includes a variety of computer-readable media. Computer-readable media can be any available media that can be accessed by computer 100 and includes both volatile and nonvolatile media, removable and non-removable media. By way of example, and not limitation, computer-readable media may comprise computer storage media and communication media. "Computer storage media" includes both volatile and nonvolatile, removable and non-removable media implemented in any method or technology for storage of

1 The computer 100 may also include other removable/non-removable,
2 volatile/nonvolatile computer storage media. By way of example only, Fig. 1
3 illustrates a hard disk drive 141 that reads from or writes to non-removable,
4 nonvolatile magnetic media, a magnetic disk drive 151 that reads from or writes to
5 a removable, nonvolatile magnetic disk 152, and an optical disk drive 155 that
6 reads from or writes to a removable, nonvolatile optical disk 156 such as a CD
7 ROM or other optical media. Other removable/non-removable,
8 volatile/nonvolatile computer storage media that can be used in the exemplary
9 operating environment include, but are not limited to, magnetic tape cassettes,
10 flash memory cards, digital versatile disks, digital video tape, solid state RAM,
11 solid state ROM, and the like. The hard disk drive 141 is typically connected to
12 the system bus 121 through an non-removable memory interface such as interface
13 140, and magnetic disk drive 151 and optical disk drive 155 are typically
14 connected to the system bus 121 by a removable memory interface such as
15 interface 150.

16 The drives and their associated computer storage media discussed above
17 and illustrated in Fig. 1 provide storage of computer-readable instructions, data
18 structures, program modules, and other data for computer 100. In Fig. 1, for
19 example, hard disk drive 141 is illustrated as storing operating system 144,
20 application programs 145, other program modules 146, and program data 147.
21 Note that these components can either be the same as or different from operating
22 system 134, application programs 135, other program modules 136, and program
23 data 137. Operating system 144, application programs 145, other program
24 modules 146, and program data 147 are given different numbers here to illustrate
25 that, at a minimum, they are different copies. A user may enter commands and

information into the computer 100 through input devices such as a keyboard 162 and pointing device 161, commonly referred to as a mouse, trackball, or touch pad. Other input devices (not shown) may include a microphone, joystick, game pad, satellite dish, scanner, or the like. These and other input devices are often connected to the processing unit 120 through a user input interface 160 that is coupled to the system bus, but may be connected by other interface and bus structures, such as a parallel port, game port, or a universal serial bus (USB). A monitor 191 or other type of display device is also connected to the system bus 121 via an interface, such as a video interface 190. In addition to the monitor, computers may also include other peripheral output devices such as speakers 197 and printer 196, which may be connected through an output peripheral interface 195.

The computer may operate in a networked environment using logical connections to one or more remote computers, such as a remote computer 180. The remote computer 180 may be a personal computer, a server, a router, a network PC, a peer device or other common network node, and typically includes many or all of the elements described above relative to computer 100, although only a memory storage device 181 has been illustrated in Fig. 1. The logical connections depicted in Fig. 1 include a local area network (LAN) 171 and a wide area network (WAN) 173, but may also include other networks. Such networking environments are commonplace in offices, enterprise-wide computer networks, intranets, and the Internet.

When used in a LAN networking environment, the computer 100 is connected to the LAN 171 through a network interface or adapter 170. When used in a WAN networking environment, the computer 100 typically includes a modem

1 172 or other means for establishing communications over the WAN 173, such as
2 the Internet. The modem 172, which may be internal or external, may be
3 connected to the system bus 121 via the user input interface 160, or other
4 appropriate mechanism. In a networked environment, program modules depicted
5 relative to the computer 100, or portions thereof, may be stored in the remote
6 memory storage device. By way of example, and not limitation, Fig. 1 illustrates
7 remote application programs 185 as residing on memory device 181. It will be
8 appreciated that the network connections shown are exemplary and other means of
9 establishing a communications link between the computers may be used.

10 Fig. 2 is a block diagram of a computer 200 having a processor 202 and
11 memory 204. An extensible editor 206 stored in the memory 204 includes an
12 event routing controller 208, a designer extensibility mechanism 210, a selection
13 services component 212, and a highlight rendering services component 214.
14 Three designers 216, 218, 220 are also stored in the memory 204. Each of the
15 designers 216 - 220 communicates with the editor 206 via the designer
16 extensibility mechanism 210. Each designer 216 - 220, as shown, also
17 communicates with the selection services component 212 and the highlight
18 rendering component 214. It is noted, however, that a designer 216 - 220 may
19 communicate with only the selection services component 212 or the highlight
20 rendering component 214 or with neither. However, as will become clear in the
21 following discussion, each designer 216 - 220 must attach to the editor 206
22 through the designer extensibility mechanism 210.

23 A designer is an editor extension that is used to extend the functionality of
24 the editor 206 and to customize the behavior of the editor 206. While an
25 "extension" is a generic term for a designer, the term "designer" is utilized in

several products of the MICROSOFT CORP., such as INTERNET EXPLORER 5.5, MSHTML (the HTML parsing and rendering engine of INTERNET EXPLORER that displays a document with editable content), the WebBrowser (ActiveX) control, etc. For purposes of the present discussion, terms specific to one or more of such products will be used. For example, in the present discussion, ~~editor extensions will be referred to as designers.~~ A reference to such a specific term (*e.g.*, designer) is intended to include reference to the more generic term (*e.g.*, extension).

The designers 216 - 220 work by intercepting events and commands occurring in, or received by, the editor 206. When one or more of the designers 216 - 220 intercepts an event (or command), the designer can change how the editor 206 handles the event. Generally, a designer is written to either supplement or override the editor's behavior. Several designers may be attached to the editor 206 at once, thereby dynamically enabling multiple levels of custom functionality.

Designers offer a very powerful tool for customizing the editor 206. Virtually any part of the editor's behavior can be changed. For example, designers may be used to add spell checking capability to the editor 206, to add table editing functionality, to add annotation or revision-tracking capability, and so on. It is noted that, although only three designers 216 - 220 are shown in conjunction with the editor 206, any number of designers may be connected to the editor 206.

The designer extensibility mechanism 210, the selection services component 212, and the highlight rendering services 214 of the editor 206 shown in Fig. 2 provide specific functionality to the editor 206. Each of the modules and the functionality it provides will be discussed separately, in detail, below.

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1 detected by the editor 300, each of the methods 306 - 312 is called, in a particular
2 sequence, by the editor 300 to process the event. Processing the event may entail
3 providing an external response to the event, responding internally to the event, not
4 responding to the event, consuming the event and/or passing the event for further
5 processing (*i.e.*, not consuming the event).

6 The event routing controller 302 determines when a particular method will
7 be called. If multiple designers are registered with the editor 300 in the designer
8 registry 303, the event routing controller 302 invokes the current method on each
9 designer sequentially, in the order in which the designers were registered with the
10 editor 300. Further explanation of the event routing technique will be explained
11 below with continuing reference to the elements and reference numerals of Fig. 3.

12 Fig. 4 is a block diagram of an event routing model utilized in an extensible
13 editor. In addition to the editor 300 shown in Fig. 3, Fig. 4 includes a first
14 extension, Designer A 320, and a second extension, Designer B 330. Although
15 only two designers 320, 330 are shown, it should be understood that virtually any
16 number of designers may be added to the editor 300. The functionality of the
17 routing mechanism when using more than two designers is similar to the
18 description of the routing mechanism using the two designers 320, 330.

19 The editor 300 is designed to receive notification of an event 400. If the
20 event 400 is a key combination input by a user, then the event routing controller
21 302 routes the event to the translate accelerator method 306. The event 400 is
22 made available to a translation accelerator 306a in Designer A 320. The
23 translation accelerator 306a of Designer A 320 may or may not provide a response
24 to the event 400. If a response is provided to the event 400 by Designer A 320,
25 then Designer A 320 may consume the event 400 to prevent Designer B 330 from

1 overriding the response to the event 400 by Designer A 320. To “consume” an
2 event, a designer returns a value (S_OK) to the editor indicating that no further
3 processing should be done on the event. If Designer A 320 does not respond to
4 the event 400, then the event 400 will be made available to a translation
5 accelerator 306b of Designer B 330. To indicate that an event should continue to
6 be processed, a designer returns a different value to the editor (S_FALSE).
7 Designer B 330 may then respond or not respond to the event 400 in the same way
8 as described for Designer A 320. This process continues with any other designers
9 that may be attached to the editor 300.

10 After each designer 320, 330 has had the opportunity to react to the event
11 400 (unless one of the designers 320, 330 has already consumed the event),
12 control of the event 400 is returned to the event routing controller 302 of the editor
13 300. It is noted that the editor 300 may include its own translate accelerator that
14 is designed to translate the key combination. This translate accelerator could be a
15 part of the default event handler 301. In the preferred implementation, the default
16 event handler 301 will receive the key combination (event 400) if not already
17 consumed by one of the designers 320, 330. The default event handler 301 may or
18 may not be configured to provide a response to the particular key combination. If
19 it is configured to respond to a particular key combination, then an appropriate
20 response is made; if not, then no response will be made to the key combination.

21 It is significant that if Designer B 330 is configured to act on a particular
22 key combination, Designer B 330 may never receive that key combination if
23 Designer A 320 consumes the combination. Therefore, while the implementations
24 described herein significantly improve conflict avoidance in extensible editors,
25 when developing a new designer, careful consideration must be given to the key

If the event 400 is not a key combination, then the event routing controller makes the event 400 available to the designers 320, 330 via the pre-handle event method 308. Designer A 320 first has the opportunity to respond to the event 400.

If Designer A 320 is configured to respond to the event 400, then it provides an appropriate response. After providing a response, Designer A 320 may either consume the event 400 or pass it along.

If, for example, Designer A 320 is an “auto correct” designer and Designer B 330 is a grammar checking designer, an event (entry of a word into the document) would be routed first through the auto correct designer to determine if the word should be corrected. After the word is checked (whether or not it is corrected), the grammar checking designer still requires notice of the event to perform its function. Therefore, Designer A 320 would act on the event but still make it available to Designer B 330

If the event 400 is not consumed by Designer A 320, then the event 400 is made available to Designer B 330. Designer B 330 has the same options of reacting to the event 400 as described above for Designer A 320. This is true for each subsequent designer attached to the editor 300.

After each designer has the opportunity to respond to the event 400 a first time, the event is passed to the default event handler 301 (assuming that the event 400 has not been previously consumed by a designer). The default event handler 301 then provides the default behavior of the editor 300 in response to the event 400. It is noted that if no designers are attached to the editor 300, then the editor

1 still needs to know about the mouse up event so it can terminate the selection and
2 stop responding to mouse move events.

3 Fig. 5 is a flow diagram of the preferred implementation of the event
4 routing model described above for use in an extensible editor 300. Continuing
5 reference will be made to the elements and reference numerals of Fig. 2 – Fig. 4 in
6 the description of the flow diagram.

7 At step 500, an event 400 is received by the editor 300. The event routing
8 controller 302 determines if the event 400 is a key combination at step 502. If the
9 event is a key combination (“Yes” branch, step 502), then the key combination is
10 translated at step 504 by the designers (if they are configured to translate the
11 particular command) or by the default event handler 301 if no designer translates
12 the key combination and the editor 300 is configured to do so.

13 If the event is not a key combination (“No” branch, step 502) the editor 300
14 determines if a designer 320, 330 is attached to the editor 300 at step 508. If there
15 is not an attached designer (“No” branch, step 508), the event is processed by the
16 default event handler 301 at step 510. If, however, a designer 320, 330 is attached
17 to the editor 300 (“Yes” branch, step 508), then the event 400 is made available to
18 Designer A 320 for pre-handling at step 512. After Designer A 320 has had the
19 opportunity to act on the event 400, Designer B 330 (“Yes” branch, step 514) has
20 the event 400 made available for processing at step 512. There is no other
21 designer attached (“No” branch, step 514), so the event (if not previously
22 consumed), is passed to the default event handler 301 and processed at step 516.

23 After the event 400 is processed by the default event handler 301 of the
24 editor 300, the event is made available to Designer A 320 for processing at step
25 518. Since there is another designer (Designer B 330) (“Yes” branch, step 520),

the event 400 is made available to Designer B 330 for processing at step 518. When there are no more designers to process the event 400 (“No” branch, step 520), the event is processed by the default event handler 301 at step 522.

It is noted that the above discussion assumes that the event 400 is not consumed by the default event handler 301 or the designers 320, 330 and is processed by each method of the editor 300 and the designers 320, 330. Once an event is consumed, further processing of the event terminates.

After the event has been through the pre-handle event method 308 and the post-handle event method 310, the post-editor event notification method 312 is called (step 524). Unless consumed by the default event handler 310 or one of the designers 320, 330, each designer 320, 330 is notified of any response to the event 400 from any other module as previously described.

Designer Extensibility Mechanism Interfaces

In addition to the edit designer interface 304 described above, the designer extensibility mechanism 210 includes an edit services interface. In MSHTML, the edit services interface is designated as IHTMLEditServices, used to add or remove edit designers and control the current selection. Although the general descriptions of the designer extensibility mechanism can be applied and implemented in any extensible editor and extensions therefor, for discussion purposes, the described implementation will refer to MICROSOFT MSHTML terminology to describe interfaces exposed by a designer extensibility mechanism to allow extensions to be coupled to properly communicate with an extensible editor. Those skilled in the art will appreciate the functions enabled by the described interfaces to implement custom extensions for the extensible editor.

1 The following are detailed descriptions of the edit designer interface and
2 the edit services interface.

3 Edit Designer Interface (IHTMLEditDesigner)

4 The edit designer interface includes the following methods:

5 **TranslateAccelerator**

6 ~~Description:~~ Called by MSHTML to translate a key combination entered
7 by a user into an appropriate command.

8 Syntax:

9 HRESULT TranslateAccelerator (
10 DISPID *inEvtDispId*,
11 IHTMLEventObj **plEventObj*

12 Parameters:

13 *inEvtDispId*

14 [in] DISPID that specifies the event.

15 *plEventObj*

16 [in] Pointer to an IHTMLEventObj interface that specifies the
17 event.

18 Return Values:

19 Returns S_OK to indicate that the event has been completely
20 handled and that no further processing should take place, either by
21 other edit designers or the MSHTML Editor. Returns S_FALSE to
22 indicate that other edit designers and the MSHTML Editor should
23 perform their processing this event.
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PreHandleEvent

Description: Called by MSHTML before the MSHTML Editor processes an event, so that the designer can provide its own event handling behavior.

Syntax:

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HRESULT PreHandleEvent (  
    DISPID inEvtDispId,  
    IHTMLEventObj *pIEventObj
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Parameters:

inEvtDispId

[in] DISPID that specifies the event.

pIEventObj

[in] Pointer to an IHTMLEventObj interface that specifies the event.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK to indicate that the event has been completely handled and that no further processing should take place, either by other edit designers or the MSHTML Editor. Returns S_FALSE to indicate that other edit designers and the MSHTML Editor should perform their pre-event processing.

PostHandleEvent

Description: Called by MSHTML after the MSHTML Editor processes an event, so that the designer can provide its own event handling behavior.

Syntax:

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HRESULT PostHandleEvent (  
    DISPID inEvtDispId,  
    IHTMLEventObj *pIEventObj
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Parameters:

inEvtDispId

[in] DISPID that specifies the event.

pIEventObj

[in] Pointer to an IHTMLEventObj interface that specifies the event.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK to indicate that the event has been completely handled and that no further processing should take place, either by other edit designers or the MSHTML Editor. Returns S_FALSE to indicate that other edit designers and the MSHTML Editor should perform their post-event processing.

PostEditorEventNotify

Description: Called by MSHTML after an event has been handled by the MSHTML Editor and any registered edit designers.

Syntax:

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HRESULT PostHandleEvent (  
    DISPID inEvtDispId,  
    IHTMLEventObj *pIEventObj
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Parameters:

inEvtDispId

[in] DISPID that specifies the event.

pIEventObj

[in] Pointer to an IHTMLEventObj interface that specifies the event.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

Edit Services Interface (IHTMLEditServices)

The edit designer interface includes the following methods:

AddDesigner

Description: Registers an IHTMLEditDesigner interface to receive event notification from the editor.

Syntax:

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HRESULT AddDesigner (  
    IHTMLEditDesigner *pIDesigner  
);
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Parameters:

**pIDesigner*

[in] Pointer to an IHTMLEditDesigner interface to register for event notification.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

GetSelectionServices

Description: Registers an IHTMLEditDesigner interface to receive event notification from the editor.

Syntax:

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HRESULT GetSelectionServices (  
    IMarkupContainer *pIContainer
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ISelectionServices *****ppSelSvc***

);

Parameters:

****pIContainer***

[in] Pointer to an IMarkupContainer interface for which an ISelectionServices interface is desired.

*****ppSelSvc***

[out] Address of a pointer to a variable that receives an ISelectionServices interface pointer for the ISelectionServices interface on the editor's selection object.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

MoveToSelectionAnchor

Description: Moves a markup pointer to the location of an anchor for the current selection.

Syntax:

HRESULT MoveSelectionToAnchor (

IMarkupPointer ****pIStartAnchorr***

);

Parameters:

****pIStartAnchor***

[in] Pointer to an IMarkupPointer interface to move the location of an anchor for the selection.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

MoveToSelectionEnd

Description: Moves markup pointer to the end of the current selection.

Syntax:

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HRESULT MoveToSelectionEnd (  
    IMarkupPointer *pIEndAnchor  
);
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Parameters:

**pIEndAnchor*

[in] Pointer to an IMarkupPointer interface to move to the end of the current session.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

RemoveDesigner

Description: Unregisters a designer from the editor.

Syntax:

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HRESULT RemoveDesigner (  
    IHTMLEditDesigner *pIDesigner  
);
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Parameters:

pIDesigner

[in] Pointer to the IHTMLEditDesigner interface to remove from the event notification queue.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

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designer. The command is only aware of what part of the document is selected, and it is configured to make the selected region of the document bold.

Selection Service Interface (ISelectionServices)

The selection services interface 608 provides methods to programmatically clear, add and remove segments from a selection object. The methods include an add element segment method 618 (AddElementSegment), a get markup container method 620 (GetMarkupContainer), a get selection services listener method 622 (GetSelectionServicesListener), an add segment method 624 (AddSegment), a remove segment method 626 (RemoveSegment), and a set selection type method 628 (SetSelectionType). The following are detailed description of the available selection services interface 608 methods.

AddElementSegment

Description: The add element segment method 618 creates an IElementSegment interface for an element in a markup container and adds the segment to the editable selection.

Syntax:

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HRESULT AddElementSegment (  
    IHTMLElement *pIElement,  
    IElementSegment **ppISegmentAdded  
);
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Parameters:

**pIElement*

[in] Pointer to an IHTMLElement interface that specifies the element to add to the selection.

***ppISegmentAdded*

[out] Address of a pointer to a variable that receives an IElementSegment interface pointer for the element segment added to the selection environment.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

GetMarkupContainer

Description: The get markup container method 620 retrieves the markup container for the current editable selection.

Syntax:

```
HRESULT GetMarkupContainer (  
    IMarkupContainer **ppIContainer  
);
```

Parameters:

*****ppIContainer***

[out] Address of a pointer to a variable that receives an IMarkupContainer interface pointer to the interface for the markup container that contains the current editable selection.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

GetSelectionServicesListener

Description: The get selection services listener 622 method retrieves an ISelectionServicesListener interface for the current editable selection so that the editor can process certain selection events.

Syntax:

```
HRESULT GetSelectionServicesListener (  

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1 ISelectionServicesListener ***ppISelectionServicesListener*

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3 Parameters:

4 ***ppISelectionServicesListener*

5 [out] Address of a pointer to a variable that receives an

6 ISelectionServicesListener interface pointer to the interface

7 that the editor will use with the current editable selection.

8 Return Values:

9 Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

10 AddSegment

11 Description: The add segment method 624 creates an ISegment interface
12 for the content between two markup pointers in a markup container, and adds the
13 segment to the editable selection.

14 Syntax:

15 HRETURN AddSegment (

16 IMarkupPointer **pIStart*,

17 IMarkupPointer **pIEnd*,

18 ISegment ***ppISegmentAdded*

19);

20 Parameters:

21 **pIStart*

22 [in] Pointer to an IMarkupPointer interface that specifies the
23 start point for adding the segment.

24 **pIEnd*

[in] Pointer to an IMarkupPointer interface that specifies the end point for adding the segment.

*****pISegmentAdded***

[out] Address of a pointer to a variable that receives an ISegment interface pointer to the interface for the added segment in the selection environment.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

RemoveSegment

Description: The remove segment method 626 (RemoveSegment) removes a segment from the editable selection.

Syntax:

```
HRESULT RemoveSegment (  
    ISegment *pISegment  
);
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Parameters:

****pISegment***

[in] Pointer to an ISegment interface that specifies the segment to remove.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

SetSelectionType

Description: The set selection type method 628 (SetSelectionType) sets the selection type and clears any existing selection.

Syntax:

```
HRESULT SetSelectionType;  
    SELECTION_TYPE eType  
    ISelectionServicesListener *pIListener  
);
```

Parameters:

eType

[in] SELECTION_TYPE enumeration that specifies the type of selection to set.

**pIListener*

[in] Optional. Pointer to an ISelectionServiceListener interface specifying the interface to associate with this selection. Set to NULL if unused. NOTE: Although this parameter is optional, without this parameter, the editor will not be able to restore the selection.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

Element Segment Interface (IElementSegment)

The element segment interface 610 provides methods that control a fragment of HTML markup in the current editable selections that consists of a single element. The element segment interface 612 includes a get element method 630 (GetElement), an 'is primary' method 632 (IsPrimary), and a set primary method 634 (SetPrimary). To obtain an IElementSegment interface for a fragment

of HTML markup representing an element, the
ISelectionServices::AddElementSegment method is used.

The selection object uses element segments to mark fragments of HTML
markup that are whole elements, in particular control elements.

GetElement

Description: The get element method 612 (GetElement) retrieves the
element to which this segment refers.

Syntax:

```
HRESULT GetElement (  
    IHTMLElement **ppIElement  
);
```

Parameters:

***ppIElement*

[out] Address of a pointer to a variable that receives an
IHTMLElement interface pointer for the interface
representing the element to which the segment refers.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

Is Primary

Description: The is primary method 632 (IsPrimary) determines whether
the control element represented by this segment is the primary element of a multi-
element selection. The primary element of a multiple selection is typically the
first one chosen by a user when a selection was made. The primary element
typically has distinctive handles that indicate it is the primary element. For

example, the primary element might have white handles while the other elements have black ones).

Syntax:

```
HRESULT IsPrimary (  
    BOOL *pfPrimary  
);
```

Parameters:

**pfPrimary*

[out] Pointer to a BOOL that receives TRUE if the element is the primary element, or FALSE otherwise.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

Set Primary

Description: The set primary method (SetPrimary) sets or unsets a control element as a primary element in a control selection. The primary element of a multiple selection is typically the first one chosen by a user when a selection was made. The primary element typically has distinctive handles that indicate it is the primary element. For example, the primary element might have white handles while the other elements have black ones).

Syntax:

```
HRESULT SetPrimary  
    BOOL fPrimary  
);
```

Parameters:

fPrimary

[in] BOOL that specifies TRUE to set the element as the primary element, or FALSE to unset it as primary.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

Segment Interface (ISegment)

The segment interface 616 provides a method that creates containers (segments) for fragments of HTML markup in the current editable selection. These segments can include both a range of elements and element fragments. The segment interface 616 includes a get pointers method 636 (GetPointers).

GetPoiners

Description: The get pointers method 636 (GetPointers) positions markup pointers at the start and end of the selection segment.

Syntax:

```
HRESULT GetPointers (  
    IMarkupPointer *pIStart,  
    IMarkupPointer *pIEnd  
);
```

Parameters:

pIStart

[in] Pointer to an IMarkupPointer interface that specifies the markup pointer to position at the beginning of the segment.

pIEnd

[in] Pointer to an IMarkupPointer interface that specifies the markup pointer to position at the end of the segment.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

Segment List Interface (ISegmentList)

The segment list interface 614 provides methods that access information about a list of the segments in the current selection. The segment list interface 614 includes a create iterator method 638 (CreateIterator), a get type method 640 (GetType), and an 'is empty' method 640 (IsEmpty).

CreateIterator

Description: The create iterator method 638 creates an ISegmentListIterator interface used for traversing the members of a segment list.

Syntax:

```
HRESULT CreateIterator (  
    ISegmentListIterator **ppIter  
);
```

Parameters:

ppIter

[out] Address of a pointer to a variable that receives an ISegmentListIterator interface pointer for the newly created ISegmentListIterator.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

GetType

Description: The get type method 640 retrieves the type of the selection.

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Syntax:

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HRESULT GetType (  
    SELECTION_TYPE *peType  
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Parameters:

peType

[out] Pointer to a variable of type SELECTION_TYPE that receives the selection type value.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

IsEmpty

Description: The 'is empty' method 642 determines whether the segment list is empty.

Syntax:

```
HRESULT IsEmpty (  
    BOOL *pfEmpty  
);
```

Parameters:

pfEmpty

[out] Pointer to a variable of type BOOL that receives TRUE if the segment list is empty, or FALSE if it is not empty.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

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Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

EndSelectionUndo

Description: The end selection undo method 644 is called by the editor 600 at the end of an editing operation that may result in a change in selection after the editing operation. This method exists so that the designers may place their own units on an Undo Queue so that a selection may be restored to its original state when the editing process was started.

Syntax:

HRESULT EndSelectionUndo (VOID);

Parameters:

None.

Return Values:

Returns S OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

GetTypeDetail

Description: The get type detail method 648 is called by MSHTML to obtain the name of the selection type. This method allows a host application to provide the name of a selection type when implementing a custom selection mechanism. MSHTML will return a value of 'undefined' if the host does not implement this method.

Syntax:

```
HRESULT GetTypeDetail (
    BSTR *pTypeDetail
);
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Parameters:

pTypeDetail

[out] BSTR that specifies the name of the selection type.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

OnChangeType

Description: The 'on change type' method 650 is called by the editor 600 when the type of a selection changes. This method is used to implement custom processing that should take place when a selection is initiated or when a selection changes type.

Syntax:

```
HRESULT OnChangeType (  
    SELECTION_TYPE eType,  
    ISelectionServicesListener *pIListener  
);
```

Parameters:

eType

[in] SELECTION_TYPE enumeration that specified the new selection type.

pIListener

[in] Optional. Pointer to an ISelectionServicesListener interface to register with the new selection. Can be set to NULL.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

OnSelectedElementExit

Description: The 'on selected element' exit method 652 is called by the editor 600 whenever an element that intersects selection undo is removed from the document. This method exists so that the selection can be updated by the extensible editor (either removed or adjusted).

Syntax:

```
HRESULT OnSelectedElementExit (  
    IMarkupPointer *pIElementStart,  
    IMarkupPointer *pIElementEnd,  
    IMarkupPointer *pIElementContentStart,  
    IMarkupPointer *pIElementContentEnd  
);
```

Parameters:

**pIElementStart*

[in] Pointer to an IMarkupPointer interface specifying the point just before the element's opening tag.

**pIElementEnd*

[in] Pointer to an IMarkupPointer interface specifying the point just after the element's closing tag.

**pIElementContentStart*

[in] Pointer to an IMarkupPointer interface specifying the point just after the element's opening tag.

**pIElementContentEnd*

[in] Pointer to an IMarkupPointer interface specifying the point just before the element's closing tag.

AddSegment

Description: The add segment method 712 creates a highlight segment for the markup between two display pointers and highlights it according to a specified rendering style.

Syntax:

```
HRESULT AddSegment(  
    IDisplayPointer *pDispPointerStart,  
    IDisplayPointer *pDispPointerEnd,  
    IHTMLRenderStyle *pIRenderStyle,  
    IHighlightSegment **ppISegment  
);
```

Parameters:

pDispPointerStart

[in] Pointer to an IDisplayPointer interface representing the start point of the segment to be highlighted.

pDispPointerEnd

[in] Pointer to an IDisplayPointer interface representing the end point of the segment to be highlighted.

pIRenderStyle

[in] Pointer to an IHTMLRenderStyle interface representing the style with which to render the specified segment.

ppISegment

[out] Address of a pointer to a variable that receives an IHighlightSegment interface pointer for the interface that

represents the highlight segment between pDispPointerStart and pDispPointerEnd.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

MoveSegmentToPointers

Description: The move segments to pointers method 714 redefines a highlight segment and its style.

Syntax:

```
HRESULT MoveSegmentToPointers (  
    IHighlightSegment *pISegment,  
    IDisplayPointer *pDispPointerStart,  
    IDisplayPointer *pDispPointerEnd  
);
```

Parameters:

pISegment

[in] Pointer to an IHighlightSegment interface to redefine.

pIDispPointerStart

p[in] Pointer to an IDisplayPointer interface for the new start point of the highlight segment.

pIDispPointerEnd

[in] Pointer to an IDisplayPointer interface for a new endpoint of the highlight segment.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

RemoveSegment

Description: The remove segment method 716 removes a highlight segment from a collection of segments that are highlighted.

Syntax:

```
HRESULT RemoveSegment (  
    IHighlightSegment *plSegment  
);
```

Parameters:

plSegment

[in] Pointer to an IHighlightSegment interface to remove.

Return Values:

Returns S_OK if successful, or an error value otherwise.

Highlight Segment Interface (IHighlightSegment)

The highlight segment interface 710 enables a user to control a highlighted section of a document. This interface does not provide any methods of its own beyond those available from its parent interface, ISegment.

Description: The highlight segment interface 710 provides type checking for the segments added or moved from the highlighted sections through the IHighlightRenderingServices interface.

Remarks: This interface does not provide any methods of its own beyond those available from its parent interface, ISegment.

Conclusion

The services described above provide an applications program interface (API) for an extensible editor (MSHTML). The interfaces and the methods associated with each interface are summarized as follows:

IHTMLEditServices

- AddDesigner

- GetSelectionServices

- MoveToSelectionAnchor

- MoveToSelectionEnd

- RemoveDesigner

IHTMLEditDesigner

- TranslateAccelerator

- PreHandleEvent

- PostHandleEvent

- PostEditorEventNotify

ISelectionServices

- AddElementSegment

- GetMarkupContainer

- GetSelectionServicesListener

- AddSegment

- RemoveSegment

- SetSelectionType

ISelectionServicesListener

- BeginSelectionUndo

- EndSelectionUndo

- GetTypeDetail

- OnChangeType

- OnSelectedElementExit

ISegmentList

- CreateIterator

- GetType

- IsEmpty

ISegment

IElementSegment

- GetElement

- IsPrimary

- SetPrimary

IHighlightRenderingServices

- AddSegment

- MoveSegmentToPointers

- RemoveSegment

IHighlightSegment

1 The interfaces can be utilized by an extension that is coupled with the
2 extensible editor to add new features to the editor, to augment existing features, or
3 to override the editor's default behavior. Extensions can be used to modify the
4 editor to provide customized feedback and to present a rich editing experience to a
5 user.

6 Although details of specific implementations and embodiments are
7 described above, such details are intended to satisfy statutory disclosure
8 obligations rather than to limit the scope of the following claims. Thus, the
9 invention as defined by the claims is not limited to the specific features described
10 above. Rather, the invention is claimed in any of its forms or modifications that
11 fall within the proper scope of the appended claims, appropriately interpreted in
12 accordance with the doctrine of equivalents.